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HITS POOR REPAIR WORK -- Sofia, Izgrev, 9 Feb 51

The main cause of the frequent breakdowns in the Sofia electrical power system is the tardiness and irregularity of essential repair work on turbines, generators, and boilers. For example, last year in the Kurilo thermal electric plant, the repair plan was disregarded and repairs undertaken only after the appearance of breakdowns.

Many breakdowns are caused also by carelessness and poor handling of the machinery.

To eliminate these failures in future operations, a chart has been prepared in every electric plant, establishing schedules for the overhauling and monthly checking of boilers. All repairs will be carried out on fixed dates. In addition, preventive checks will be made to establish the condition of the equipment. Refresher courses will be held to improve the qualifications of personnel. Some parts of the equipment will have to be replaced.

The workers of the Sofia electric power system have pledged to improve their qualifications and reduce breakdowns.

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